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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR/INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : Special Estimate on Albania

REFERENCE : Memorandum of General Wackerling, Chief, Paramilitary Operations Staff, to Chairman, Board of National Estimates, dated 13 November 1952

1. By reference memorandum, General Wackerling requested a special estimate centering primarily on the consequences of the overthrow of the present Albanian regime by a coup bringing to power a pro-Western regime. In addition many questions are raised the answers to which would require extensive work by the military services.

2. While NIE-42 and 42/1 are pertinent to some aspects of the problem, these estimates do not meet General Wackerling's requirements.

3. Moreover, while NIE-42 and 42/1 bring out the precarious position of the Communist government of Albania, these estimates do not consider in detail the probable consequences of the overthrow of this regime by a coup bringing to power a pro-Western regime.

4. Therefore, the Board recommends:

JOB NO. _____ a. That the Director propose to the IAC the initiation of a special estimate on "The Consequences of the Overthrow of the Present Regime in Albania by a Pro-Western Regime."

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FOLDER NO. _____ b. That the estimate not cover military details in view of the deadline imposed (15 December).

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